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British soldiers to be subject of museum talk

TV shows and movies have spread many myths and inaccuracies about the British soldiers who fought in the American Revolution. Jeff Briggs will present little known facts about the British Army in general and the British soldier in particular as part of his "For King and Country: The Life of the British Soldier" talk at the museum. He will explain the uniform and equipment worn and used by the British soldiers. This talk will be held in person on Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Salem Museum. Admission is free.

The Fincastle Company is a group of dedicated living historians who portray both military and civilian roles during the time of the American War of Independence. They conduct extensive research into the clothing and equipment of the era in order to be as accurate to the period as possible. The group performs living history displays at various historical sites across the mid-Atlantic region. They specifically portray the Fincastle/Montgomery County Militia which was an actual unit from Southwestern Virginia that served in the

American Revolution. This talk is a VA250 event. On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In preparation for the anniversary, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) is encouraging localities across Virginia to commemorate the Revolution with events and activities that showcase local history.

-The Salem Times-Register



Briggs

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Work continues on Main Street sidewalk



Workers lay bricks for the new sidewalk on Main Street last week.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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\$8K donation made to Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries

The Salem Moose Family Center recently made a donation of \$8,000 to the Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM) to support community initiatives. This donation specifically aids Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet, which provides essential clothing and household items to those in need. Additionally, the funds will support the School Feeding Programs that address food insecurity among at-risk students in the Salem area.

SAEM expressed appreciation for the ongoing support from the Salem Moose Family Center by presenting the group with a certificate of appreciation, acknowledging its contributions over the past two years.

The Salem Moose Family Center

takes pride in its community service efforts, highlighting their commitment as the "heart of the community," according to Butch Bryant, the Moose Lodge president.

During the past three months, Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet served 3,008 guests with 258 new guests registering during the period.

Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet is located at 825 S Colorado St. in Salem and relies on the community to provide support with donated clothes and accessories, small household appliances, books, personal hygiene items and school supplies.

This collaborative effort between the Salem Moose Family Center and SAEM demonstrates a strong commitment to

supporting the local community and addressing critical needs through both financial contributions and volunteer efforts, the organizations said.

For those interested in contributing, donations can be made online at www.saemva.org or mailed to SAEM's address at P.O. Box 737, Salem, VA 24153.

Also, Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers to provide assistance to guests or to sort donations and assist with stocking the clothes racks. Volunteers typically contribute one or two days per month. To assist, please call 540-389-4889 or email: info@saemva.org.

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Moose Club members pictured from left to right include Sam Wilson, treasurer, Pat Sheets, chaplain, James Spangler, trustee, Butch Bryant, president, Clark Crawley, two-year trustee, Cindy Neathawk, SAEM chair, Eddy Caywood, JP president, Garry Lautenschlager, SAEM secretary, Jimmy Huddleston, trustee, Louise Rhodes, vice president, and Harry Rhodes, administrator.

Load the Bus campaign set for Aug. 2-4 at area Walmart stores

Aila Boyd

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Salem City Public Schools, Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke City Public Schools, and Craig County Schools have announced that they are teaming up with Roanoke area Walmart stores to Load the Bus. We're collecting school supplies for students in need across the Roanoke Valley now through Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend, Aug. 2-4.

School buses will be on site at Roanoke area Walmart stores:

- Friday, Aug. 2: 3-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 4: 12-6 p.m.

School officials are urging the public to come out to any of the Roanoke Valley Walmart stores (Bonsack, Clearbrook, Salem and Valley View) to donate school supplies for students who might not be able to afford the tools they need to be successful in school. "We will be collecting supplies at the registers and at bins in each store throughout the day," they said.

Organizers said they will also be accepting donations of back to school supplies and/or monetary donations for students in need. Any money collected at the event will be used to purchase school supplies. Every item and every cent of donations will go to help students in need in the Roanoke Valley and beyond.

Needed supplies:

Organizers said the following items are needed: backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, 3-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper (college and wide-ruled), pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, folders, scissors and construction paper. Classroom items like tissues, hand sanitizer, printer paper and dry erase markers are also needed.

"Each year, thousands of children across the Roanoke Valley begin school without the supplies they need to be successful," said Roanoke County Public Schools Acting Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. "Walmart is teaming up with area school systems to work together to provide the tools our children need in school. Every single donation will help a student learn and achieve, even as many families continue to recover from the effects created by the pandemic," Nicely added.

"The entire community comes together each year to provide our students with what they need to succeed, allowing students across the region to start the school year on the right foot," said Dr. Verletta White, Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools. "Load the Bus is yet another example of how 'We Are One' when it comes to supporting our students across the Roanoke Valley and knowing them by name, need, and strength."

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly): All ages are invited to participate in the non-judgmental program at the Salem Senior Center on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. There is a registration fee and a \$3 per month fee. Call Charlene Lester at 540-293-7753 with questions.

First Mondays: The family-friendly events are held by Gary John, who manages the "Mason Creek" bluegrass group, and Vicky Sword from the center. The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, Aug. 5: 7-9 p.m. - Maynard and Lee Palmer. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

Touch-A-Truck: The 13th Annual Touch-A-Truck event returns to Green Hill Park on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This beloved family-friendly event offers a unique opportunity

for kids and adults alike to explore, interact, and learn about dozens of fascinating vehicles. Step inside, climb aboard, and engage with the operators who keep our community running smoothly.

Pickin' In The Park: Bluegrass legend Junior Sisk is returning to Salem's annual Pickin' In The Park concert this summer. This marks the fourth straight year that Sisk and his group of amazing pickers and singers are headlining the Longwood Park Amphitheater show with their fast playing and uplifting harmonies. This year's free event takes place on Saturday, Aug. 17, and it also features local favorites Wound Tight and New Standard.

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offered. The event is on Monday, Sept. 9: 7-9 p.m. - The Guard. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

ZZ Top: "That Little Ol' Band From Texas" has been at it for well over a half century, delivering rock, blues and boogie on the road and in the studio to millions of devoted fans. ZZ TOP is synonymous with beards, hot rod cars, spinning guitars and that magic keychain, all of which transcend geography and language. The band will perform on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are: \$49.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$89.50, \$99.50 and \$139.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Warren Haynes Band: The Warren Haynes Band, led by GRAMMY® Award-winning vocalist, songwriter, guitar legend, producer, and Gov't Mule front man Warren Haynes, has announced their Million Voices Whisper Tour. The new 16-date fall headlining tour launches Sept. 19 in Fort Lauderdale and stops in Salem Sept. 29, before wrapping Oct. 12 in Boston. The band will perform in Salem on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com

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Nov. 4: 7-9 p.m. - Luv Buzzards. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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Public meetings: The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.


The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.


The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.



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John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home
giving back to the community
with Red Cross Blood Drive

John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, from 10am-2pm at the funeral home chapel. For more information about donating call the Red Cross at 800 733-2767.

Use the following link to directly schedule an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=JohnMOakeyandson>

"Hosting a blood drive coincides with John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home's core values of giving back to the community," said Dave Vanderpool, Manager and Funeral Director. "With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one or neighbor."

The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients.

We hope to see you on August 13th!



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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

It is that time of year again when everyone I know who has a garden are offering me zucchini. This time of the year there is no avoiding this long green summer squash. I often wonder why people don't have an abundance of beans, cauliflower or carrots to give away. If it isn't the squash, it's the product of the squash; bread, muffins, cakes, pancakes, pickles, or cookies. With our recent hot weather most gardeners are having difficulties. Squashes like zucchini and yellow squash do really well in extreme heat. As long as they get about 2-3 inches of water a week. They may wilt during the day but they will still grow the fruit. And yes, zucchini is technically a fruit. It comes from seeds and grows on the flowering part of the zucchini plant. Zucchini comes from squashes first domesticated in Mesoamerica over 7,000 years ago, but the zucchini itself was developed in Italy in the later half of the 1800s and reintroduced to the United States by Italian immigrants in the 1920s. Many countries including Thailand, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Britain, and Italy have their

favorite recipes for zucchini. Courgette is the French name, Zucchini the Italian. Zucchini is the plural so if you only have one it's zucchini. Zucchini is rich in vitamin B6 which helps to regulate blood glucose. And yes, zucchini is safe for dogs to eat. Adding raw sliced or diced zucchini to salads is a nice addition. Adding shredded zucchini to your spaghetti adds some green to your meal and you won't even know it's there.

To pick zucchini look for smooth, blemish free skin with a dark green color. If you see mold, black spots, browning, yellowing, shriveling, or wrinkling on the skin of the zucchini it has likely gone bad. To store zucchini in the fridge, keep the squash whole, dry and unwashed. Store them in a plastic or paper bag with one end open to encourage air flow and put them in the refrigerator crisper drawer. They will keep there for 1 to 2 weeks before the skin starts to shrivel.

To freeze zucchini chose small to medium ones and shred them with a cheese grater. Fill a freezer safe bag with 2 cups of shredded zucchini. Push out as much air as possible before sealing the



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bag. Date and use within the next 12 months. When ready to use, thaw and drain the zucchini before adding to your recipe.

This week's recipe is a simple one that's easy, quick and healthy.

Sautéed zucchini

- 1 ¼ pounds of chopped zucchini (2 medium)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 scallion/green onion thinly sliced (optional)
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cut up the zucchini into rounds, half-moons, or chop into bite sized pieces. Melt the butter in a wide skillet over

medium high heat. Add the zucchini and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until the zucchini is browned in places and tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Turn off the heat, stir in the onions, and cheese. Taste and season with salt and pepper (adding the salt at the end of cooking keeps the zucchini from turning mushy and soggy). Serve immediately.

There are several variations to this simple recipe. Add another type of cheese, I like feta cheese but goat cheese or sharp cheddar works too. Try another spice blend like Cajun, Italian, or curry spices. Stir in chopped tomatoes and cook until the zucchini is crisp tender and the tomatoes are slightly squishy and release some juices.



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Drew

New director of Residence Life & Housing joins Roanoke College

Roanoke College welcomed a new director of Residence Life & Housing on July 1. Chris Drew brings nearly 20 years of residence life and student housing experience in higher education to his new role, the college said.

As Roanoke's senior housing officer, Drew will focus on strategic management and creating an engaging, inclusive on-campus living environment that supports student learning and development. That will include spearheading efforts to expand living-learning programs as well as working closely with campus partners to update residence facilities.

"We are excited for Chris to join the Roanoke College community and lead the next phases of the residential experience," Vice President for Student Success Brian Reed said. "Chris is a conscientious leader who puts student success at the center of all he does."

Drew previously served as the director of student housing and residence life for Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. Earlier in his career, he worked in residence life positions at Elmhurst University, Franklin College and Earlham

College.

Drew earned both a bachelor of science and a master of business administration from Indiana State University, where he served as a resident assistant and a graduate hall director.

Throughout his career, he's been involved in regional and national professional organizations, including serving on the Public Policy Advisory Committee of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I).

He's completed training with the National Association for Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment (NABITA) on vital topics that include Structured Interview for Violence Risk Assessment,

Risk Rubric and Violence Risk Assessment of the Written Word. At earlier points in his career, Drew also worked with new student orientation, co-taught a first-year seminar and served as a Title IX investigator.

As part of the Residence Life & Housing team, Drew said he's looking forward to collaborating with staff and faculty to continue building on the strong programs and initiatives in place on campus.

"I am excited to serve in this role at Roanoke College," he said. "I look forward to the many great things we will accomplish to support student success."

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Roanoke Valley Collective Response welcomes Medeiros as new director

Roanoke—The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission recently announced Bailey Medeiros's appointment as the new director of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response, effective immediately. Bailey Medeiros (Helgeson) brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the region's response to addiction and mental health challenges, the commission said.

Medeiros was born and raised in Riverside, California. She attended The University of California Santa Barbara, where she earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. In 2019, while on her own healing journey, Medeiros relocated to Virginia, where she found health, home and happiness. This transformative experience ignited her passion for supporting others in similar situations.

In 2022, Medeiros joined the Collective Response as a peer recovery coordinator and quickly advanced to the role of recovery community engagement lead. Her diverse experience includes working with housing-insecure populations, pregnant and newly parenting individuals, justice-involved persons, veterans and persons with developmental disabilities.

"I am honored to serve The Collective Response in this new capacity," Medeiros shared. "I'm profoundly grateful for the opportunity to continue the work of the Collective Response, honoring the legacy of those who inspired its formation and recognizing the countless individuals who dedicated their time, energy, and passion towards its mission."

Jeremy Holmes, executive director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, expressed his confidence in Medeiros's leadership. "Bailey has already shown a deep and enthusiastic commitment to the work of addiction recovery and in the region, and we are truly thrilled to have her step into this leadership role. The Regional Commission's member governments and all the organizations working in this space will be well-served by Bailey's energy, creativity, and empathy as we come together as a region to tackle this crisis."

For more information about the Roanoke Valley Collective Response and its initiatives, please visit rvcollectiveresponse.org.

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Touch-a-Truck revs up again at Green Hill Park

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This year's event promises a variety of exciting activities and attractions, including:

- Car Smash – Sponsored by Pick-n-Save
- Foam Pit – Sponsored by Napa Auto Parts
- Dig Pit – Sponsored by Freedom

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- Misting Stations – Sponsored by Anthem Healthkeepers

Ear protection will be available at the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism tent to ensure everyone enjoys the event comfortably.

No event is complete without a tasty line-up of food vendors Find a variety of cuisine including, ribbon fries, tacos, BBQ, Italian ice, kettle corn, pizza cones, vegan options, custard and more.

Visit www.RoanokeCountyParks.com or call (540) 387-6078 ext. 0 for event details.

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OPINION

National Book Lover's Day on Aug. 9

Celebrate National Book Lover's Day on Friday, Aug. 9, and join us at the Salem Public Library for a Read In! Drop in with your book or choose one from our collection and read with us anytime between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. We'll have snacks and beverages, and attendees will receive a small thank you gift!

Families are invited to put on their PJs and join us at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9, for a special after-hours Storytime: **Biggest Bedtime Story Ever!** Register at salemva.libcal.com

Friday, Aug. 9, 2:30 p.m., Grades 6-8; **Middle School Book Club:** Discuss the book "Hollowpox: The Hunt for Morrigan Crow" by Jessica Townsend. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
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Upcoming August events for adults!

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2 p.m.; Virtual Speaker Event: Dr. Jennifer Levasseur: Your All Access Pass Behind the Scenes at the Space Station with Smithsonian

Curator. Register at www.salemlibrary.info

Thursday, Aug. 8, drop in 2-3:30 p.m.; 18+, **Puzzles and Games Afternoon;** Play board games, card games and puzzles.

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m.; **True Crime Book Club:**

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m.; Age 18+; **Paint by Number Night;** Join us and create your own masterpiece on canvas. All supplies included. Register at www.salemlibrary.info or call 540-375-3089.

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2 p.m.; Age 18+; **Paper Quilling;** Embellish a 5 x7" picture frame with paper quilling. All supplies included. Register at www.salemlibrary.info or call 540-375-3089.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I appreciate the opportunity to offer additional public comment on the HopeTree matter.

The litigation that's arisen in opposition to the rezoning of a large part of its property is actually a good thing. Importantly, it gives Salem City Council a chance to reconsider its 3-2 vote to allow what's arguably an overly-ambitious and ill-

advised project. I'm concerned that the 'devil in the details' predictably opens the door to unintended bad consequences- especially with the addition of businesses. Traffic implications alone should be a deal-breaker!

Our home faces the HopeTree property. Liz and I've lived here 42 years, and we share concerns that've been expressed by so many others in the neighborhood. It seems eminently clear that a

project of this magnitude would be better planned according to three very simple criteria: It should be located near the periphery of a city like ours. It should be on more-level terrain. And it should be directly contiguous to a major roadway... Thank you very much!

Sincerely, Samuel J. Williams, MD
Red Lane resident

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

This American World War I helmet is a favorite artifact of Salem Museum staff and visitors.

The first thing visitors notice about the helmet is the dent in the front of it. This dent shows where Thomas Shilling, a soldier from Salem, was struck in the head by artillery shrapnel during World War I. This helmet saved his life and allowed him to return home to his family.

Artifacts like this are reminders of the individual journey that objects can take, and how they can impact people's lives.

Students ages 8-14 can see this World War I helmet, and more, this weekend at the Salem Museum during the Summer Fun program.

This week Summer Fun will explore "The Great War and the Roanoke Valley." World War I had a big

impact on local families! Students will learn how local people influenced WWI both at home and overseas.

All programs are free!
Each hour-long program will be held on Saturdays

at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. The content will be the same at both times each day. Call 540-389-6760 or email garrett@salemuseum.org to register. RSVP Required.



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American World War I helmet

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Correction

The attorney for the neighbors' lawsuit against the Salem City Council regarding HopeTree rezoning is John Sedgewick. The name was incorrect in the July 25 article.

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INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- **LANE CLOSURES** northbound and southbound possible for various work on the project during nighttime hours.
- **WORK ZONE SPEED:** Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.
- **TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts

and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

- **TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140:** Drivers may experience periodic lane closures or quick merges into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.
- **RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.
- **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound



REAL ESTATE TAX FREEZE DEADLINE

Kristie D. Chittum, the Commissioner of the Revenue, would like to inform those individuals that were 65 or older or totally and permanently disabled on December 31, 2023, that they may be able to apply for the tax freeze during the month of August. Forms must be completed and filed in our office by **August 31, 2024**. Taxpayers must meet **ALL** the following qualifications:

- Your name is on the deed for the property which you are applying.
- You were at least 65 years of age **OR** totally and permanently disabled as of 12/31/23.
- You were the property owner as of 12/31/23.
- The house you are applying for is your primary residence.
- The gross income from all parties living in the residence and/or named on the deed is \$65,000 and under.
- All assets, excluding the home you are applying for, is \$185,000 or under.

Applications are available in our office and online at www.salemva.gov. Assistance in completing the tax freeze application is provided in our office by appointment only. Please contact our office at 540-375-3019 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with any questions.

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I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 - Repair work is underway on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is scheduled for end of 2024.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project

completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound or southbound between mile markers 104-106.

Nighttime left lane closures scheduled on I-81 southbound during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next morning, beginning Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 9.

ROUTE 605: Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

ROANOKE COUNTY HIGHLAND ROAD CLOSED FOR GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION – Beginning June 18, Highland Road will be closed between Hogan Road and Rutrough Road for construction of the Roanoke River Greenway through the Blue Ridge Parkway underpass by Roanoke County. The roadway will reopen by August 14, 2024, before the first day of school for Roanoke County Public Schools.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER

ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Bridge beams were placed across Route 311 on the new bridge on June 11. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found by calling 540-387-5588 or visiting the shuttle website at www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle. Expected completion by end of 2024.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

CRAIG COUNTY MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of July 16, 2024 – July 22, 2024

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
7/16/2024	Jeremy R. Edwards	33	Burglary, Damage Property, Criminal Trespass
7/16/2024	Antoine D. Saunders	36	Peeping Tom
7/16/2024	Felicitas Ramos Jacobo	31	Public Intoxication
7/17/2024	Casey M. Trail	28	Petit Larceny, Possession of Controlled Substance
7/18/2024	Brittney E. Foster	31	Shoplifting
7/19/2024	Wayne T. Murphy	61	Conditional Release Violation
7/20/2024	Brian E. Robinson	47	Public Intoxication
7/21/2024	Ka'Mya I. Moten	19	DUI
7/22/2024	Amanda L. English	43	Public Intoxication, Conditional Release Violation
7/22/2024	Dana R. Parker	34	Conceal Merchandise

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 16, 2024 – July 22, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
16-JUL-2024	300 BLK Texas Hollow Rd	Burglary
21-JUL-2024	1800 BLK W Main St	Illegal Use of Pepper Spray
22-JUL-2024	2000 BLK Apperson Dr	Possession of Controlled Substance

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Christmas in July

Brian Hoffman

From the July 13, 1994 edition of *The New Castle Record*

Don't buy me anything for my birthday. For my anniversary, a friendly wave will do. Send me a Christmas card, but don't worry about the gift.

I'm hoping Christmas comes early when the folks in Salem Vote on the proposed new baseball stadium next week. The polls will be open Tuesday, July 19, to see if the public is in favor of building the new stadium. Only Salem residents get a vote, although the stadium will be a huge benefit to the entire valley.

I'm in love with the architect's sketch of the ballpark. It appears to be all but perfect for the need, and then some. The drawings are on display at several Salem locations, including Salem Municipal field, City Hall, and the Salem Civic Center.

The park, if it is indeed built, will be on a stretch of land between the Salem Civic Center youth fields and the football stadium. I've been going over there for months and walking around, envisioning a ballpark in my mind. One day I took a batter's stance, in the snow, at the spot I had pegged as home plate. Still, I tried not to get my hopes up.

Now, less than a week away from the vote, I have my hopes up. I'll be real disappointed if the stadium referendum doesn't pass, and that artist's rendering has a lot to do with it.

In my wildest dreams I didn't imagine our ballpark could look that good. The press box, where I'll spend close to 70 nights every

summer, looks out on the Roanoke Valley with a view that cries out for a paint brush.

I went to the Salem Fair and rode the ferris wheel to check out the view. I climbed to the top of the football stadium to get an idea. It's a perfect place for a ballpark in every way; parking, beauty, accessibility, you name it.

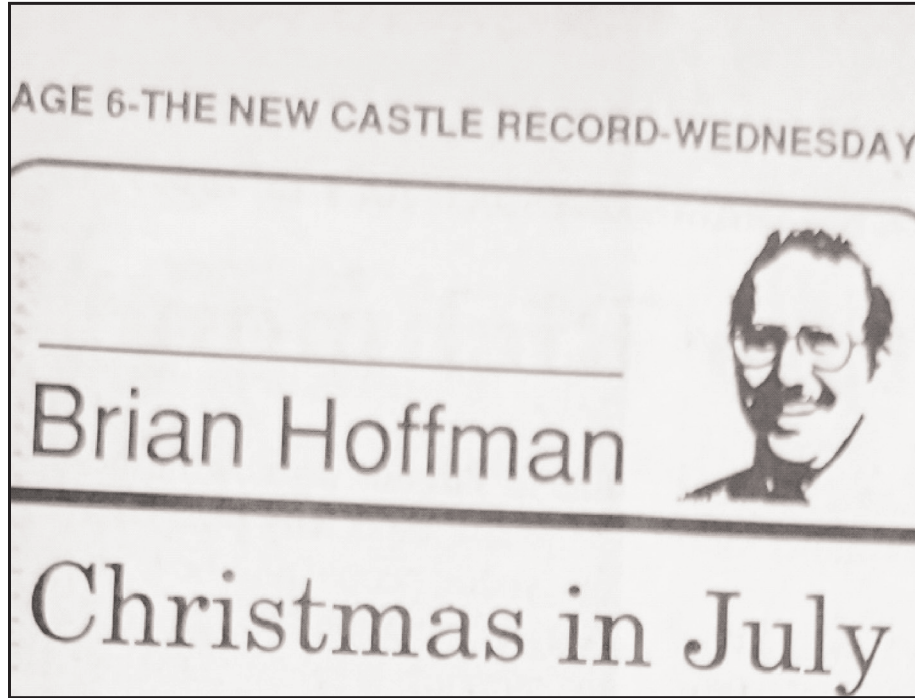
All I want for Christmas is to be able to go to that ballpark next summer. I've been campaigning, shaking hands and kissing babies and wearing a shirt with the artist's drawing. I'm not big on politics, but this is a cause I believe in; baseball.

You see, I love baseball. One of the things that excited me about Salem, Va. when I first came here to go to college was the fact that the town had a minor league baseball team. I had never seen a minor league game before I first came upon Salem Municipal field in 1971, but I've seen many since; well over a thousand, thank you.

Personally, I was always happy with Salem Municipal Field. It isn't new and it has a lot of poles to look around, but it has a homey feel to it. The kids have an nice area to play behind the press box and the media gets free food. What else is there?

Well, according to the Professional Baseball Agreement, that just isn't good enough anymore. And, for the third time since I've been here, there is a real threat professional baseball will leave the valley. This time Kelvin Bowles can't ride in from Franklin County on a white horse and buy the team. He was ready to sell it.

Without this stadium, Salem



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and the surrounding area can kiss professional baseball goodbye. But I don't think that's going to happen. The people have too much sense.

Salem mayor Jim Taliaferro, a great civic leader in his own time, wants this stadium to happen. He's not even a baseball fan, but he knows what's good for the economy.

Jim once told me if you can't tee it up, he isn't interested. In other words, his favorite sports are football and golf and that's about it. I can count the number of times I've seen him at a Salem baseball game on my fingers and most of the time he was there to throw out the first ball.

Still, Taliaferro understands the importance of keeping the team here. An independent company did an economic impact study that backed that up.

I'd like to think the people of Salem, baseball fans or not, would

realize this and overwhelmingly approve the ballpark. Being a baseball fan isn't a criteria. There are plenty of things I'm not interested in, but I realize they're important to the overall quality of life.

If the park is approved, I'd like to suggest a name. On the site you have Salem Stadium for football and the Salem Civic Center for indoor events. How about, for the baseball facility, "Salem Park?"

It doesn't say much, but it says it all. It will be a "park," with green grass and warm evening sun and folks relaxing at the ballgame. It will be a place people will love.

It will be, if the folks in Salem say they want it with their votes next Tuesday. And if that happens, it will truly be Christmas in July for this baseball fan.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

EPIC Leadership Program set to return

The Salem Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Cortex Leadership Consulting has announced the return of the EPIC Leadership Program, a transformative program designed to equip local professionals with the skills necessary to elevate their careers. Applications are now being accepted for this distinguished program.

The EPIC Leadership Program is crafted specifically for emerging leaders, regardless of whether they are new to their company or have been established for years. This initiative seeks to identify and develop top talent within the region, providing participants with the same high-level training typically reserved for senior executives. Participants in the EPIC Leadership Program will engage in a series of comprehensive learning sessions focused on enhancing communication, intentionality, and other crucial leadership skills. These sessions offer rare insights and strategies, akin to those used in programs designed for global executives. Lynda Foster, founder and CEO of

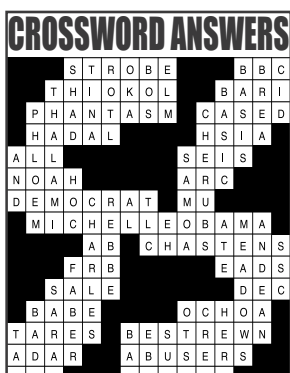
Cortex Leadership Consulting, the organization behind EPIC, emphasized the program's impact: "Ambitious, talented, hard-working professionals want high-level leadership training. Companies in our region and beyond need that training to be practical, contemporary, and affordable. That's where EPIC has landed so well with US and even international participants and the organizations they serve. We have proven that attending EPIC fast-tracks the building of skill sets that top talent is hungry for right now." Mike Rezac, a recent graduate of the EPIC Program, shared his transformative

experience: "The biggest takeaway for me was gaining a greater sense of self-awareness and intentionality. The EPIC classes really force you to slow down and address foundational questions with a lot of intentionality. This shift from being on autopilot to actively thinking about these aspects leads to much better outcomes." The EPIC Leadership Program is highly personalized, featuring mentoring, coaching, and small group interactions. With only a six-hour monthly commitment over five months, the program is designed to be both interactive and accessible, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience. Employers who

encourage their employees to apply for the EPIC Leadership Program can expect to see improvements in self-awareness, communication, and time management skills. The program's success is reflected in the positive feedback from past participants and their organizations. Rezac, an employee at Metis, an EPIC sponsor, highlighted the broader impact of the program: "What we find is it's been really fruitful not just for the participants but for us as an organization. The participants are highly engaged and take the material seriously, learning not just from Lynda and her team but also from each other. Our hope is to expand the breadth of experience and perspectives by

getting a more diverse group together in the region." Zakkiyya Morris, another program participant, emphasized the value of the DISC assessment: "The DISC assessment gave me the why behind my actions and decisions. It helped me understand how to communicate effectively, become more intentional, and manage my time better." The EPIC Leadership Program offers a unique opportunity to highlight and develop local talent. Interested professionals can learn more and apply at s-rcchamber.org/epic-leadership-training.

-The Salem Times-Register



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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 7th and Florida Streets, Salem VA. Pastor: Roger D. Counts, 540-389-3818. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Connect Groups 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:30, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 12 O'Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Clay Dalton; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship, 11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

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BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www.bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study and then our College & Young Adult Bible Study at 8:00pm. www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed: 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website: www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

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WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Minister Neil Richey, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

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SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) via zoom and conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in person for adults, children and teens. Adult class is also streamed on Facebook. Men's Bible Study Saturday at 7:00 a.m.(Zoom). Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

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Legals - Craig County

appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM. JULY 22, 2024 TIFFANY COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Botetourt County

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$88,065.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180000875. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on August 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: TWO-THIRDS OF LOT NO. EIGHTEEN (18), FRONTING 88.92 FEET ON WATER STREET, AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET TO THE REAR LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 18; THE WEST ONE-THIRD OF SAID LOT ADJOINS AN ALLEY KNOWN AS SECOND ALLEY, AND BEING THE SAME LAND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H.S. HODGES BY J.E. HODGES AND M.F. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 18, 1934, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK "X" AT PAGE 34. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LOT SECURING 44 FEET ON WATER STREET AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET, THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H. J. SMITH AND EDRA SMITH, HIS WIFE, BY THE SAID HARRY S. HODGES AND LENA S. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1948, AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 100, PAGE 282, TO WHICH SAID DEED REFERENCE IS HERE AND NOW MADE. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com, VA-370006-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-1097 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, a Municipal Locality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. HAZEL TERRY JUSTICE, ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, county of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 526-2404 Account No. 010023

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate, lying and being in the Town of Christiansburg, Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 526-24 4, Parcel ID Number 010023, being located on the south side of Lee Highway (now Radford St) fronting 58 1/2 feet thereon and extending back 150 feet.

And being the same real property conveyed to Lucy Campbell and Hazel Terry Justice, as joint tenants, from J. C. Snidow and Lillian L. Snidow, husband and wife, by deed, dated November 14, 1944 and recorded November 16, 1944 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 134 at Page 250.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations, of record which affect the property herein described. IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Hazel Terry Justice, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lucy Campbell aka Lucy Mae Terry aka Lucy Mae Nichols, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Terry Grier, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Hobert L. Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Monroe Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Clarence William Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Terry, whose last known address is unknown; Robert Terry, Jr., whose last known address is unknown; Patricia Terry, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before August 31, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 22day of July, 2024 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

I Ask For This: John A. rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No.86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq.

Legals - Montgomery County

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on August 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to amend the existing special exception permit to allow for a second elementary educational facility on the property located at 101 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 117-2-1).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,

at its regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Seaside Heights, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 1590 West Main Street (Tax Map # 140-1-3) from LM Light Manufacturing District to HBD Highway Business District.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Sherwood Memorial Park, Inc., property owner, for a Special Exception Permit to allow for the expansion of the cemetery into the adjacent property located at 1221 Lynchburg Turnpike (Tax Map # 117-1-8) with condition. If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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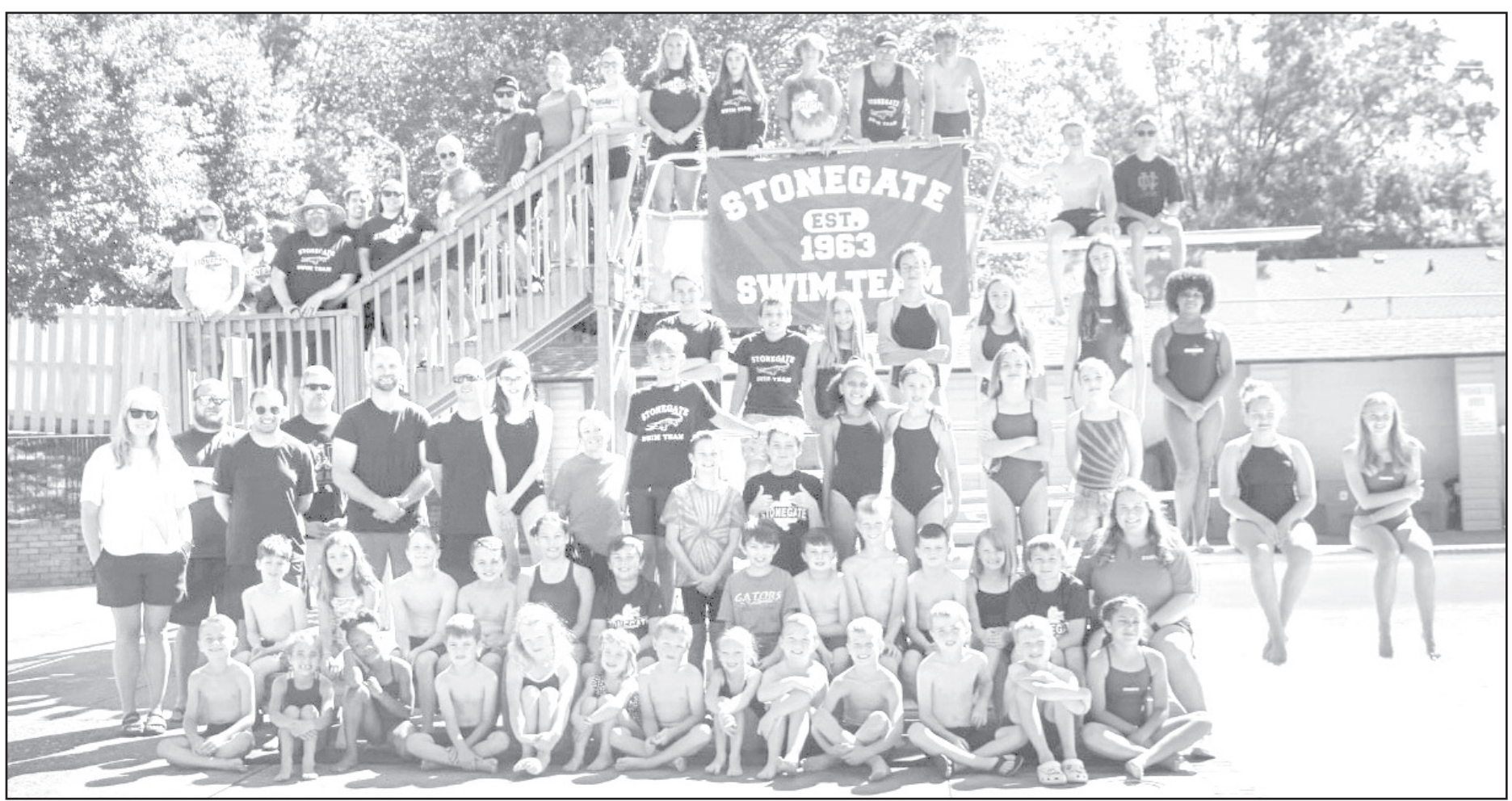
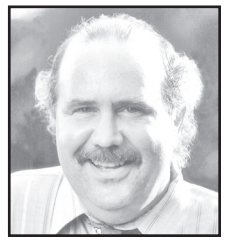


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RVAА CHAMPIONS The Stonegate "Gators" brought the 2024 Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association championship trophy to Salem on July 20th.

Brian Hoffman



I have no idea. I would have understood if she was out on some boat singing "Stronger," but her obvious lack of knowledge about anything relating to sports or the athletes got annoying after a while. Besides, we had Snoop to tell us everything was cool.

A couple observations. I was amazed at how many of the countries I'd never heard of. I was never good in geography but I watch Jeopardy just about every night, so I should have come across most of them. I looked it up and there are 54 countries participating from Africa, 48 from Europe, 44 from Asia, 41 from the Americas and 17 from Oceania. I had no idea 48 countries could fit into Europe.

As for Africa, I suspect many of them change their name every couple years. I used to like to look at my Rand McNally Atlas of the World before we had the internet, and I swear most of the countries in Africa had different names when I was growing up in the '60s.

I was surprised at how many countries had names ending in "stan," and I wasn't sure where most of them were. Included in the list are, in alphabetical order, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. I'm starting to think Borat came from a real country, but I can't say for sure.

Then you have the "and" countries, which makes me think two countries combined into one so their high school teams can play in a higher classification. Included in this group are Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, and Trinidad and Tobago, which sounds like some kind of hot sauce. Honestly, tell me if you know where all those countries are located? And one that I know, Turks and Caicos Islands, didn't even send a team. You'd think they'd have some kind of boating team at the least.

Let me assure you I'm not making fun of these countries. We have plenty of stuff right here in the USA to make fun of these days, so we don't need to

look elsewhere. I'm sure Saint Kitts and Nevis is a wonderful place, and it was great to see folks from Central and South America on a boat instead of wading through a river.

As for the sports, baseball and softball aren't in this year's games but break dancing has been added. Does that make any sense to you? And when are they going to add pickleball?

Getting back to Snoop Dogg, did you see the interview NBC did with Simone Biles' parents when they were with Snoop? They mentioned how they'd met Snoop once before but he replied that he didn't recall. Simone's adopted mother, Nellie, said they saw him at a New Year's Eve celebration and asked if they could get a picture. She went on to say how Snoop told them to give him a couple minutes and, "in two seconds he was gone." Sounds like when I witnessed John Riggins blowing off autograph requests from Redskins' fans. At least Snoop had an excuse, as he was likely stoned out of his mind on New Year's Eve.

I'll be anxious to watch the rest of the games for the next week and a half. I love the track, and I really enjoy watching the basketball. It's amazing to see how good some of these teams (ie South Sudan men) are when we expect our players to blow out everyone else. And isn't it something to see how good LeBron James can still be?

And my God, the gymnastics!! It's incredible what those gymnasts can do, remembering my high school days when I could do a "frog stand" and climb a quarter of a way up a rope. When Biles hurt her leg and then came right back and did that floor routine, that was an instant classic right there.

Whatever you think of the games it's nice to see folks from different countries getting along, even though they did be sure to put the North and South Koreans in different boats. If the United States and Chinese athletes can hug each other after a close race maybe there's hope for the world after all.

Maybe.

Summer Olympics are a good show

In the words of semi-celebrity Kelly Clarkson, the first week of watching the Olympics has been "incredibly cool."

It's Monday as I write this column and I've been glued to the TV since Friday watching the summer Olympics in Paris, taking time out to check on the Yankees and Red Sox. In three days I must have seen the Eifel Tower 100 times, and Snoop Dogg even more times than that. And, yes, that was actually Spike Lee at the United States basketball game even though no Knicks are on the team.

Friday's opening ceremonies had to be the most elaborate in the history of the Olympics, even topping Hitler's Berlin games. Usually the teams march into some stadium dressed in colorful attire and carrying their flag. Then they assemble on the infield after circling a track and when everyone is in the stadium they light a big torch and go home.

Not so Friday in France. These opening ceremonies were like a five-hour Broadway show on the water, as boats carried the teams down the polluted Seine River. There were 85 boats filled with over 10,000 Olympic athletes and there was some kind of music or dance number all along the way, from Lady Gaga to Celine Dion.

The opening ceremonies were hosted by Mike Tirico, who did a really nice job, Peyton Manning, who added insight and backstories to many of the athletes, and Clarkson, who said everything was "cool." Why she was selected to be on the telecast,

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Maroons hire new baseball coach

Brett Kaminski, formerly the assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator at Ferrum College, has been hired as the new head baseball coach of Roanoke College.

Kaminski was a large part in bringing in 65 student-athletes to the Ferrum baseball program the last two years through the recruiting process. In 2024, the Panthers led the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with 101 stolen bases and Ferrum had a team batting average of .304. The lineup included two players that hit over .420. Kaminski practice planned for all team activities, including weightlifting and conditioning, and also served as hitting instructor and outfield coach.

"Brett was such a valuable member of the athletics staff the three years I worked with him here at Ferrum," said Gary Holden, Ferrum College Associate AD & Sports Information Director. "He exceeded expectations in everything he did from practice preparation, to coaching in games, recruiting, social media and administrative paperwork. Brett made a quality experience for and a positive impact on our baseball players. I'm excited for him to lead Roanoke College's baseball program as he makes his head coaching debut."

Kaminski came to Ferrum from NCAA Div. II Tiffin University in Ohio, where he was an assistant coach responsible for player development and recruiting. In 2021, Tiffin's offense ranked first in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) in batting average, runs scored, hits, doubles, walks, and on-base percentage. The Dragons were also ranked in the top 50 nationally in batting average, hits, walks and on-base percentage. Tiffin went on to place five position players on the GMAC All-Conference team

in that season.

Prior to Tiffin, Kaminski spent two years at NAIA school Webber International University in central Florida, where he was a graduate assistant and an assistant coach. The Warriors were nationally recognized in 2019 & 2020 and fell just one win short of the program's first NAIA World Series appearance in 2019.

Kaminski attended and played baseball at Webber International from 2016-18. He was a member of the three teams that won more games (in that span) than any other team in program history. In 2016, the Webber offense set new records for runs scored, home runs, extra base hits, total bases, and stolen bases. In 2017, Webber made its first NAIA Tournament appearance and set a program record for season wins. The 2018 Warriors clinched the program's first conference title in the Sun Conference Tournament and made another NAIA playoff appearance.

"I'm pleased to have Brett join our staff," said Curtis Campbell, Roanoke's Director of Athletics. "There was a consistent theme when I talked to people about Brett 'he's a baseball guy, he's a hard worker, he's organized and a great recruiter' all of those traits will make him successful in his new role. I look forward to watching him take our program to new heights."

Kaminski earned his bachelor's degree in Sport Business Management in 2018, and his master's degree in Criminal Justice Management in 2020 from Webber International. He and his wife Katelyn Kaminski, the RC competitive cheerleading coach, live in Roanoke with their one-year-old daughter, Kinsley.

"Taking on the role of head coach for Roanoke



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BRETT KAMINSKI

College baseball is an incredible honor," said Kaminski. "I want to thank the administration for their trust in me, and my family for their constant support. I'm excited to build on this program's strong foundation, instill a culture of hard work and dedication, and lead these young men to new heights. Together, we'll strive for excellence on and off the field."

"The Last Inning" ballgame for high school players is Saturday at Salem Memorial

Glenvar High School will have three graduated seniors participating in "The Last Inning" baseball game Saturday at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The game is an exhibition, free of charge to the public, for area high school ballplayers to have one last game on the diamond.

The players are split into two teams with one sporting gray shirts and the other in red. The Red team will be comprised of players from Glenvar, Liberty, Christiansburg, Northside, Franklin County and North Cross and the Gray team features players from Lord Botetourt, William Byrd, Hidden

Valley, Staunton River, Eastern Montgomery, Roanoke Catholic, Cave Spring, Alleghany and Smith Mountain Lake Christian.

Barry Shelton of Franklin County will be the head coach of the Red team, assisted by Dale Nelson of Christiansburg, Jeremy Cromer of Glenvar and Kelly Dampeer and Trent Cundiff of Northside. Randy Boone of Byrd is the Gray coach and he'll be assisted by Brian and Jake Divers of Staunton River, Jonathan Hagee of Eastern Montgomery and Kevin Slough of Hidden Valley.

Glenvar will have three players on

the Red team, catcher Jake Stanley, pitcher-infielder Ashton Meadows and Dawson Anderson, who can pitch and also play the field. Salem players were invited to play but no one chose to do so.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5 pm and will be 10 innings so everyone can get ample playing time, and everyone who pitched for their team will see time on the mound. After five innings there will be a break to announce the winner of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's Ray Bellamy Award for the high school Player of the Year in the Hall of Fame area. There

are seven finalists and Salem's Caleb Furmage and Trace Monroe are among them. Others include Lawson Pasley of Franklin County, Jesse Brown of Staunton River, Nolan Medley of Lord Botetourt, Brice Abbott of Blacksburg and Ean Amerson of Franklin County. Recipients of college scholarships named for Posey Oyler and Kelvin Bowles will also be announced at that time.

The game is sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and the Salem Red Sox. There is no admission and concessions will be available.

O'Connell named assistant strength & conditioning coach at Roanoke

Head strength & conditioning coach Scott Bennett has added Isabelle O'Connell to the Maroons staff as the assistant strength & conditioning coach.

"As we continue to start up our strength and conditioning program, I am so happy to have Izzy as an addition to our staff," said Coach Bennett. "With her motivation, expertise, and desire to dig deeper into our profession, I am excited to take another positive step in our athletic performance program."

O'Connell comes to Roanoke from Ursinus College in Pennsylvania where she served as both the assistant strength & conditioning coach and the assistant women's lacrosse coach. With the Bears, O'Connell implemented year-round training programs for 25 varsity teams. Prior to Ursinus, she had stints with Dynamite Lacrosse as a speed, agility, and

endurance coach and at Old Dominion University as a sports performance intern.

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with Roanoke College's outstanding coaches and athletes," said O'Connell. "Roanoke College embodies extraordinary pride and support for its academics and athletics. I am thrilled to learn and work alongside Scott Bennett and the fantastic staff at Roanoke. I aim to support our coaching staff and provide the best experience for our student-athletes."

O'Connell was also a four-year member of the Old Dominion University women's lacrosse team. She graduated from ODU in 2021 with a degree in Health and Physical Education. O'Connell is completing a master's degree in applied physiology and kinesiology from the University of Florida.



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Above left, Salem Nazzan Zanetello can't quite beat out an infield hit in Saturday's game with Carolina, and right Nelly Taylor, Jr. beats the throw to second for a steal.

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Salem's new shortstop was five for 17 at the plate with a double, two home runs, seven runs batted in and a stolen base. He also walked three times, reaching base eight times in his first 20 at bats in Salem.

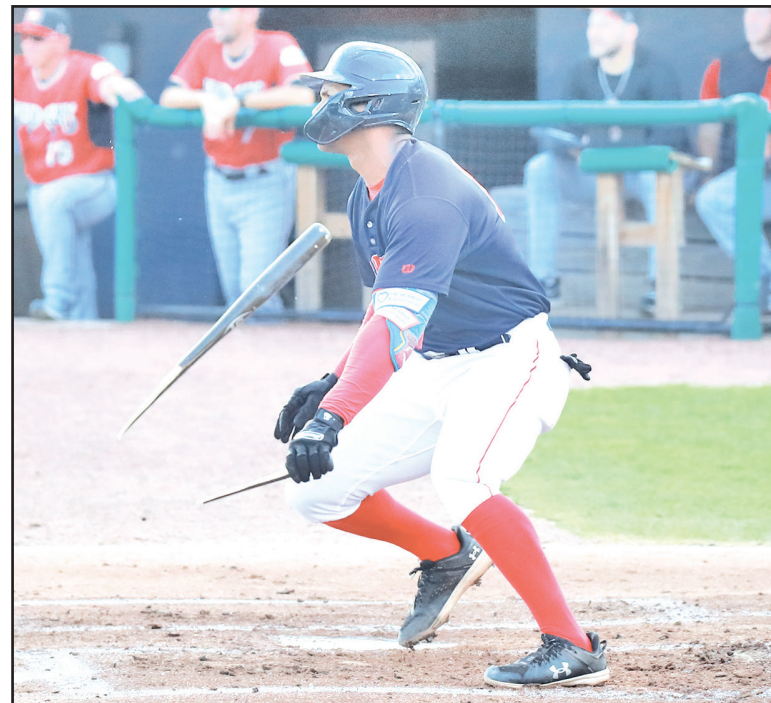
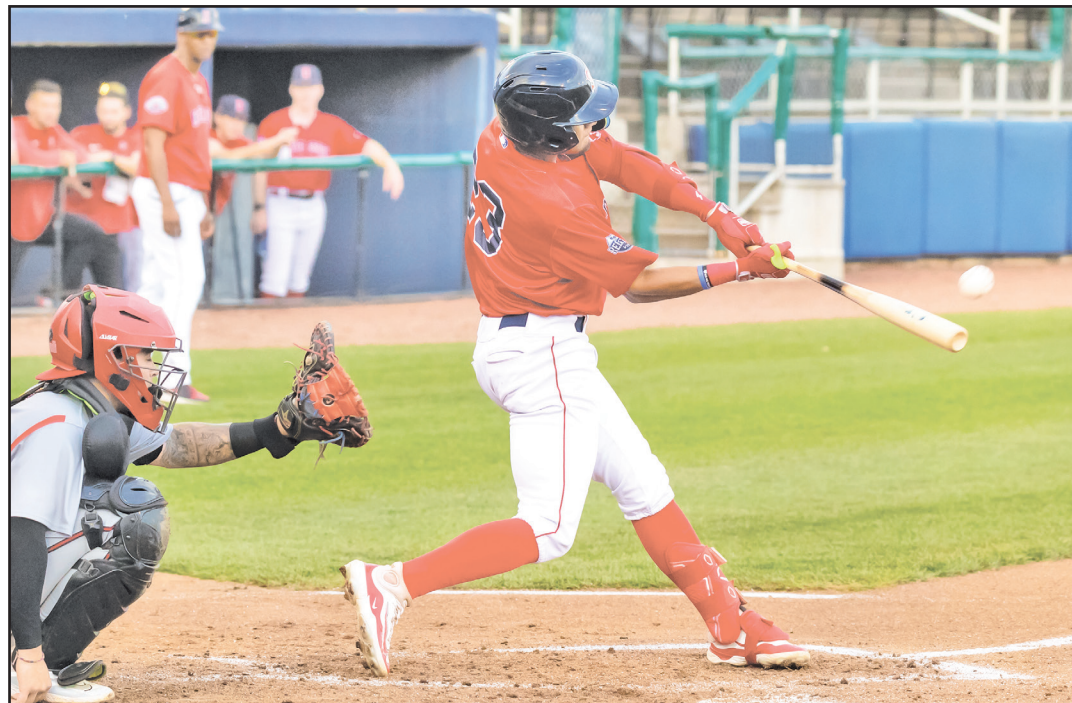
Despite the influx of new talent the Mudcats passed the Red Sox in the North standings by winning the last three games of the series. Coming into this

week's games Fredricksburg leads the North with a 20-10 record, Carolina is three and a half back at 16-13 and the Sox are four behind at 16-14.

This week Salem is back on the road for six games against the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers, a Chicago White Sox affiliate located in Kannapolis, NC. The Ballers come into the week at 13-16 and in fifth place

in the CL South Division.

Next Tuesday the Sox are back home to host the Delmarva Shorebirds, a Baltimore Orioles farm team. The Birds come into the week at 13-17 and seven games behind the Nationals in the North second half standings. Tuesday's opening game of the series will be an 11:05 am start.



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Above left and right, Franklin Arias homers against Carolina during his first week in the Carolina league and Albert Feliz holds firewood after breaking his bat.

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Salem, Glenvar school and recreation teams get ready for football season

It's August and that means time to get ready for football. Last week the Salem High coaches and players conducted a youth clinic at Salem Stadium Spartans(above) and this week the high school and middle school teams start their quest for 2024 success on the gridiron. Practice begins today for both the Salem and Glenvar High School teams. The Spartans open camp Thursday with practices from 9-11 am and 1-4 pm. Glenvar also opens preseason practice today at 3:30 pm.

High School golfers hit the links next week

The Salem and Glenvar High School golf teams will officially tee-off the 2024-25 school sports calendar next week and the highlight will be the annual Botetourt Metro Tournament at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. The one day event will open with a 10 am start on Tuesday, August 6th.

Both the Salem and Glenvar teams are figuring out their lineups this week for the early season events. Both teams will have three matches right out of the gate, highlighted by the annual Metro tournament.

Salem will open Monday with the Western Albemarle Invitational at the Old Trail Golf Club. After Tuesday's Metro the Spartans go to London Downs a week from today, August 8th, for the annual Heritage Invitational.

"The Metro and the Heritage always have a huge field," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "We've added another big tournament with the Bryan Gunter Memorial against some teams in the northern part of our region and against some of the top teams in Northern Virginia. We are going against a loaded district again, including defending state champion Blacksburg, who is returning most of their players. Hidden Valley is also going to be a team to watch in our district this year. Last year, our district saw 13 different players shoot under par in a match. A lot of these players are back this year across our district."

Salem should be solid again. The Spartans were still in tryouts at press time after graduating three seniors from last year's team but they have some talent returning to the links.

"We're going to have a young team," said Hancock. "Over the last few years we've sent two players to play at the NCAA level, Macy Johnson at Radford who had a great freshman year, and now Taylor Davis to Christopher Newport this fall to start her collegiate career, while three others are playing for club teams at college."

Salem returns three players, including talented senior Kathryn Ha.

"She's been playing all over the

country, including the US Junior Girls Championship in California," said Hancock. "She just participated in the Mid-Atlantic Girls Matches at RCC. At the US Junior Girls Championship she made it to the Round of 16 before a birdie fest knocked her out in extra holes, and she helped the VA/Maryland team win back-to-back titles for the first time ever at the Roanoke Country Club this weekend. She'll miss a few tournaments while participating in the Junior PGA Championship at Congressional Country Club and then, following that, with the Justin Thomas Junior Championship in Kentucky."

Salem also returns senior Aidan Andrews, who had three top five finishes in tournaments last season and looks to improve upon that. The Spartans also return junior Zach Bocoock, last year's sixth player.

"Zach has improved his game drastically and looks to be a routine contributor for the team," said Hancock.

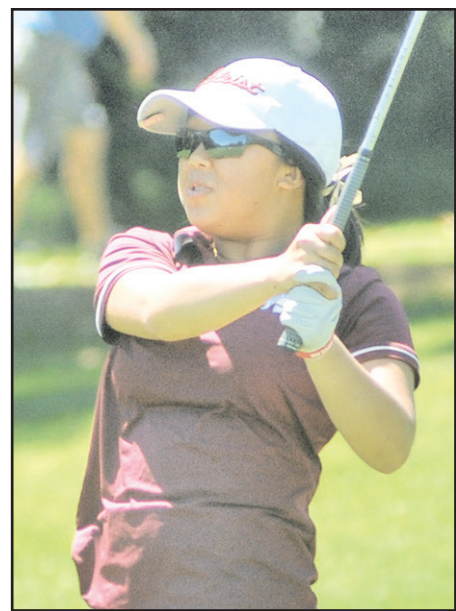
Salem also has some talented freshmen coming onto the team. Mike Bateman has made a huge splash this summer, winning multiple tournaments all over the area.

"He's been firing low to mid 70 rounds multiple times throughout the summer," said Hancock. "He was on our JV team last year and will make a big impact at the varsity level for our team."

"For the last two spots in the varsity lineup we will have a few freshmen rotating in these spots. Newcomer Croix Bowen looks to make an impact for our team this year and we also have Will Cregger and Eli Wells looking to play in the varsity lineup in these spots. Will and Eli both were on our JV team last year as eighth graders."

Some of the freshmen competing for the last two spots will get some experience in the JV matches when they are not participating in the varsity lineup.

"We have a rising talent in eighth grader McKenzie Eversole," said Hancock. "McKenzie will be another top girl golfer that has come out of Salem. She plays the game with great poise and maturity for someone that is



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Greyson Shepherd(left) is one of six seniors returning to the Glenvar golf lineup. Salem's Kathryn Ha(right) is coming off a summer playing in highly competitive tournaments across the country.

so young. Her career will be exciting to follow as she continues to develop.

"When our team is at full strength, I look at scores to be around a 310. We have a very young team, but our goal is to get a little better each and every day. We play in a loaded district and region, but our team looks to be competitive and make a good run this year."

At Glenvar the Highlanders will open Monday with a Three Rivers District match hosted by Alleghany High at the Cliff View Golf Club. The Highlanders are in the Metro Tuesday, then head to the Olde Mill Golf Resort on Wednesday, August 7, for their third match in as many days to open the season. That will be a district event hosted by Carroll County.

"We are excited about our upcoming season," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. "We have a new coach joining us, Rudy Morris, who is helping our team this year and he has been a great asset to our program. We have 14 golfers and three managers on this year's golf team with six battle tested seniors that will be looking to have a successful season. This senior group

contributed quite a bit the last two seasons."

Glenvar seniors this year are Tyler Smith, Riley Wolk, Connor Magruder, Grayson Shepherd, Adam Franklin and Brooke Smyth.

"They are primed and ready to have a great year," said Duff. "I'm excited to see what they can achieve this season. They will have a lot of competition pushing them this season as we have some younger golfers who are working hard and trying to get into the mix."

Glenvar has three new juniors coming out this season in Grayson Shearer, Jack Atkinson and Mac Christie who look to be ready to step up and challenge. A young group also includes sophomores Alex Pannell, Easton Quesenberry, Tyler Shannon, Tucker Osburn and freshman Jack Osburn.

"We have three eighth grade managers who all have a bright future as well," said Duff. "Our managers this year are JD Williamson, John Deel and Mason Young."

"This is a fun bunch of golfers and we are excited for this season."



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"Ed's Dinosaurs" turned Salem Memorial Ballpark into Jurassic Park last Saturday as they occupied the concourse when the Red Sox played host to the Carolina Mudcats in a Carolina League baseball game. Unfortunately the creatures couldn't root the home team on to a victory, as Salem fell 8-3 on beautiful southern Virginia evening.

Sox drop four of six to Carolina despite impressive start from new ballplayers

The Salem Red Sox dropped to four games behind the Fredericksburg Nationals in the Carolina League second half North Division standings when they dropped four of six games against the Carolina Mudcats last week. Three runs per game wasn't enough as the Sox won two of the first three games at Salem Memorial Ballpark, including a 3-0 win on Thursday, but lost the last three by scores of 9-3, 8-3 and 13-3 on Sunday afternoon.

Juan Valera, who had just been assigned to Salem two days prior, pitched four shutout innings in his local debut, fanning three. Danny Kirwan pitched four scoreless innings of relief to earn the win and Francis Hernandez earned a perfect ninth for his second save of the season. Albert Feliz had a home run and Natanael Yuten had two hits for the Sox.

The Boston Red Sox organization made several moves in the minor league chain last week involving Salem. On Tuesday, July 23, pitchers Noah Dean and Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz were promoted to the High-A Greenville Drive team and righthanders Yeferson Vargas, Gilberto Batista and Valera came to Salem from the Rookie League PCL Red Sox. Shortstop Franklin Arias also was promoted to Salem from the Florida Coast League and on Saturday shortstop Justin Reimer was moved from Salem to Greenville.

As mentioned Valera got off to a great start in Salem, as did Arias. In his first five days with the team

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